

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 63 public bills, H.R. 7110–7172; 1 private bill, H.R. 7173; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 434–436; and H. Res. 1508–1511, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1507, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7110) making supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment, and economic and energy assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 (H. Rept. 110–891);

H. Res. 1224, commending the Tennessee Valley Authority on its 75th anniversary (H. Rept. 110–892);

H.R. 6707, to require Surface Transportation Board consideration of the impacts of certain railroad transactions on local communities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–893); and H.R. 6126, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration (H. Rept. 110–894).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Solis to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Thursday, September 25th:

**Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2008:** H.R. 6045, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2012, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 647;

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**ALS Registry Act:** S. 1382, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of an Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Registry, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 650—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008:** S. 2932, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison cen-

ters, and enhance the public health of people of the United States, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 403 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 653—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Effective Child Pornography Prosecution Act:** Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 4120, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for more effective prosecution of cases involving child pornography, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 656—clearing the measure for the President;

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**Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should grant a posthumous pardon to John Arthur “Jack” Johnson:** H. Con. Res. 214, to express the sense of Congress that the President should grant a posthumous pardon to John Arthur “Jack” Johnson for the 1913 racially motivated conviction of Johnson, which diminished his athletic, cultural, and historic significance, and tarnished his reputation; and

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**Senior Professional Performance Act of 2008:** S. 1046, to modify pay provisions relating to certain senior-level positions in the Federal Government, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 659—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Privileged Senate Message:** The House received a privileged message from the Senate requesting that the House return to the Senate the bill H.R. 3068, to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony.

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**Renewable Energy and Job Creation Tax Act of 2008:** The House passed H.R. 7060, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide incentives for energy production and conservation, to extend certain expiring provisions, and to provide individual income tax relief, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 257 yeas to 166 nays, Roll No. 649.

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Agreed to table the appeal of the ruling of the chair on a point of order sustained against the Camp (MI) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 648.

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H. Res. 1502, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of

215 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 646, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 206 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 645. Consideration of the rule began on Thursday, September 25th.

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Pursuant to the rule, H. Res. 1489 and H. Res. 1501 are laid on the table.

**Providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1491, to provide for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 652, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 651.

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**Waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1490, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules, by a ye-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 655, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 654.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 28th.

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**Making supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment, and economic and energy assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009:** The House passed H.R. 7110, to make supplemental appropriations for job creation and preservation, infrastructure investment, and economic and energy assistance for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, by a ye-and-nay vote of 264 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 660.

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H. Res. 1507, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 658, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 204 nays, Roll No. 657.

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**Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Dr. Aida Levitan, Ph.D. of Key Biscayne, Florida to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino.

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**Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade—Appointment:** Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Eric Sheppard of Carrollton, Virginia to the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

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**Suspension—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

**Approving the United States-India Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy:** H.R. 7081, to approve the United States-India Agreement for Cooperation on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

**Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2008:** H.R. 7112, to impose sanctions with respect to Iran, to provide for the divestment of assets in Iran by State and local governments and other entities, and to identify locations of concern with respect to transshipment, reexportation, or diversion of certain sensitive items to Iran.

**Pages H10103–13**

**Runaway and Homeless Youth Protection Act:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to S. 2982, to amend the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act to authorize appropriations—clearing the measure for the President.

**Pages H10113–15**

**Congratulating the 200th Anniversary of the University of Maryland School of Medicine:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 870, to congratulate the 200th Anniversary of the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

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**Expressing support for the goals of the National Step Up For Kids Day:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1430, to express support for the goals of the National Step Up For Kids Day by promoting national awareness of the needs of the children, youth, and families of the United States, celebrating children, and expressing the need to make their future and well-being a national priority.

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**Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week should be established:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 135, as amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that a National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week should be established.

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**Commending Barter Theatre on the occasion of its 75th anniversary:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 416, to commend Barter Theatre on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. **Page H10116**

**Acknowledging the accomplishments and goals of the Youth Impact Program:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1413, to acknowledge the accomplishments and goals of the Youth Impact Program. **Page H10116**

**Native American Heritage Day Act of 2008:** The House agreed by unanimous consent to agree to the Senate amendment to H. J. Res. 62, to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H10116–17**

**Recognizing the first full week of April as “National Workplace Wellness Week”:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 405, to recognize the first full week of April as “National Workplace Wellness Week”. **Page H10117**

**Congratulating the Adrian College Bulldogs men’s hockey team:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 1059, as amended, to congratulate the Adrian College Bulldogs men’s hockey team for winning the Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association regular season title and postseason tournament and for having the best first year win-loss record in Division III history. **Pages H10117–18**

**Recognizing and honoring birthparents who carry out an adoption plan:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 239, as amended, to recognize and honor birthparents who carry out an adoption plan. **Page H10118**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Recognizing and acknowledging the important role of adoption, and commending all parties involved, including birthparents who carry out an adoption plan, adoptive families, and adopted children.”. **Page H10118**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H9981, H10058, H10059, and H10075.

**Senate Referrals:** S. 3128 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources; S. 3597 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture; S. 3598 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. 3605 and S. 3166 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; S. 2382 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; S. Con. Res. 104 was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor; and S. 2982, S. 1738, S. 3606, S. 3325, S. 2304, and S. 3309 were held at the desk. **Page H10125**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Fourteen yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9979–80, H9980, H9980–81, H10041–42, H10042, H10043, H10048, H10048–49, H10049, H10057, H10057–58, H10058–59, H10073, H10074, H10074–75, and H10087–88. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on Lehman Brothers, Sharper Image, Bannigan’s, and Beyond: Is Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Working? Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### JOB CREATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF ACT OF 2008

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by a non-record vote, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7110, the “Job Creation and Unemployment Relief Act of 2008.” The rule provides 1 hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill (except for clause 10 of rule XXI). The rule waives all points of order against the bill and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Obey and Representative Lewis of California.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1180)

H.R. 5938, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide secret service protection to former Vice Presidents. Signed on September 26, 2008. (Public Law 110–326)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.